Reserved coaches in Satyagraha Express

†*296. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only two sleeper class reserved coaches are attached to 4048/4047 Satyagraha Express and that the passengers bound for the Northern Bihar have to face a lot of difficulties on this account;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the condition of these sleeper class coaches in this train is very pitiable and worsening;

(c) whether Government are aware that the time of arrival of this train at Raxaul is inconvenient for passengers; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter and by when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The composition of 4047/4048 Delhi-Raxaul Satyagraha Express consists of 21 coaches which run between Delhi and Bareilly, 3 coaches are detached at Bareilly and 18 coaches run from Bareilly to Raxaul including three second class sleeper coaches and two air conditioned three-tier coaches. The condition of the coaches running in the three rakes of 4047/4048 Delhi-Raxaul Satyagraha Express has been found to be satisfactory. The arrival time of 4048 Delhi-Raxaul Express at Raxaul is scheduled at 1755 hours and is considered to be convenient for the passengers keeping in view the total requirements of the passengers of different railway sections on which the train traverses.

SEB's dues to railways

*297. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various State Electricity Boards owe huge amount to the Indian Railways for carrying coal to their respective power units; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, Board wise and the steps taken to recover the amount from SEBs?

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